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Where To Invest To Gain Rich Returns

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DURING the past three years in our visitation of churches we have been deeply impressed, seeing so many of our members of marked ability who are impoverished. A number of letters are lying before us which tell a remarkable story. In each one the writer deplores some bad investments. The money which a few of these members of our communion lost during the last few years would finance our whole missionary work for a year. It is simply appalling to a tender, believing heart that knows what God would have us do, to see how men are deceived, and how much better it would be for them to trust in His promises for their reward. In analyzing these letters we are led to conclude that these men lost through their forgetfulness of God. There is nothing that impoverishes us like the sin of forgetting God; and there is no promiser to enrich us on earth like sin. It is magnificent in what it promises. All these kingdoms will I give thee—whatever the kingdom be that you are coveting; whatever you are hungering and thirsting for, sin has the audacity to promise. One sometimes marvels, after all these centuries, with all that wreckage on the shores of time, that men do not discover that which sin conceals, the thing which impoverishes, and flee from sin, trusting in the promises of God.

In this folder we indicate to you where you can make investments which will enrich you in your life exceedingly. Jesus taught: "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" When He spoke in this way He said that a man might gain the whole world, but that if the price he paid for it were his soul he was the loser. Every man, every woman, every little child—all are precious in His sight. When we come into the presence of Jesus, oh what glory to know that we have helped to save a single soul! Study this pamphlet, and behold what opportunities are open for all of us to gain a rich blessing.

Rev. Christopher Noss, D. D., and our Wakamatsu Station

REV. CHRISTOPHER NOSS, D. D., is one of our missionaries engaged in evangelistic work. He resigned the professorship of systematic theology in the seminary at Lancaster to give his life for the farmers in Japan, for whom very little had been done until recently, for bringing the gospel to them. In Japan eighty per cent. of the population is engaged in farming. Doctor Noss published a Japanese-English grammar, and is an authority on language. He speaks the Japanese language fluently and addresses multitudes, many of which hear from his lips for the first time the name of Jesus. His salary is contributed by one of our congregations.

Doctor Noss is associated with a number of Japanese evangelists and Bible women at the Wakamatsu station, where we have property for an equipment worth $10,000. This city has a population of 30,000 inhabitants, and is the metropolis of

REV. CHRISTOPHER NOSS, D. D., WIFE, EVANGELISTS AND BIBLE WOMEN

GROUP OF CHILDREN WHO NEVER HEARD THE NAME OF "JESUS"

a prefecture having more than a million and a quarter people. Doctor Noss and his staff are the only Christian workers here and radiate the gospel light in a community of more than a half million souls. Any one contributing $250 toward the support of this important work may be assigned an evangelist or some Sunday-school work, and be in direct touch with the most promising foreign missionary endeavor.

Sunday Schools in Japan

ONE of the most important branches of our foreign missionary work is the modern Sunday-school; for in Japan the children, even now, come in crowds to the Sunday-schools—many more than can be properly taught by the few teachers available. In towns and villages where two or three grown persons come to the preaching services, thirty, fifty or one hundred children come to Sunday-school. Often there is no equipment whatever and only one teacher, who often has no training in Sunday-school methods of work. Are we not letting a golden opportunity slip by?

Our Japanese associates say that we missionaries in our eagerness to see the whole country evangelized are apt to start too many preaching places, and they are generally agreed that we ought to concentrate on strategic points and devote ourselves to developing strong churches. They are saying further that in order to get into touch with the community stress ought to be laid on the Sunday-school. Hitherto our chapels have

SUNDAY-SCHOOL AT KOISHIKAWA, TOKYO—MISS PIFER

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been built mainly to accommodate adults and provide for worship on the Lord's Day. Would it not be better to erect chapels specifically for Sunday-school work and let the church develop from that work, as is so often the case in America? In the cities it may be well to have buildings which are sanctuaries, whose worship is a model to congregations in smaller towns. But generally, at the missionary stage of the work, when the response of the adults is so feeble and that of the children is so strong, is it not wiser to build for the children, being confident that when they grow up they will want to build sanctuaries for themselves? Miss B. Catherine Pifer is our only lady missionary in the evangelistic work in Japan. Look at the accompanying cut and estimate future possibilities for the salvation of souls. (See page 4.)

Any one contributing $1000 may name the Sunday-school out of which the future congregation will grow, that will be a mighty force for the salvation of many souls who would otherwise perish in heathendom.

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The Missionaries' Wives

OUR missionaries' wives are rendering a great service for the Lord Jesus Christ by the example they set of the Christian home and by their evangelistic efforts in Sunday-schools and with Bible Classes. The influence which they wield in establishing the Christian life amongst the heathen can hardly be estimated. Any congregation supporting a missionary's wife will have a most vital relation with the foreign field and can keep in close touch with our missionary efforts; for the wives of the missionaries are always ready to give a good account of their faithful work. A number of these women were already successful missionaries before they were married. Six hundred dollars yearly will support a missionary's wife and her work.

MRS. SCHNEDER'S BIBLE CLASS

(The old lady in second row from left second place, Mrs. Kami, who gave 12 pieces of silver for First School Building to Dr. Hoy at Sendai.)

MRS. SEIPLE'S CLASS, SENDAI, JAPAN

LAKESIDE SCHOOLS (DR. HOY) CHINA

The Lakeside Schools, China

THE greatest need in our China mission work is a native ministry in order to proclaim our blessed gospel to that benighted nation. When we look at the school of which Doctor Hoy is the head, we see tremendous possibilities for the future.

A young farmer of Greensburg, Pa., contributes $25 yearly and prays daily for this school that God shall raise up a minister for him in China. The farmer was asked: "Who is your student?" He answered: "I do not know, I leave that to my Lord, for I am sure God will make no mistake in His choice; should I select the boy I might make a mistake and in the end be disappointed. I will contribute this amount for eight years, for I am confident that God will raise up by that time a minister for me in China." Twenty-five dollars will support a student for a year.

LAKESIDE CONGREGATION, CHINA

Rev. Wm. A. Reimert

ONE of the world's renowned scientists has recently declared that the mightiest force in the universe is prayer and that the Christian world is blind to this fact. There are, however, many earnest believing souls who are conscious of this great power. We are having prayer circles in our denomination which pray daily for their missionary and send for his support direct to the Foreign Mission Board their weekly offering in monthly remittances. The salary of Rev. Wm. A. Reimert, Missionary to China, is contributed by one of these circles. Last year $1,212.00 was given by this circle,

REV. WM. A. REIMERT

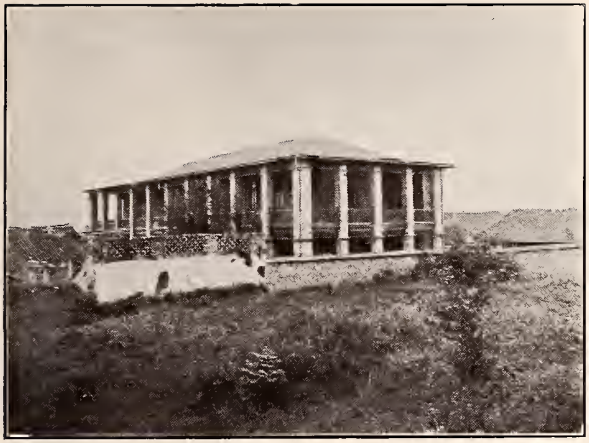
CHILDREN OF REV. AND MRS. REIMERT

which included three ministers, a minister's widow, two mechanics, a farmer, a gardener's helper, a newspaper proprietor, a business man, a contractor, a contractor's wife, a lawyer's wife, and two small groups which contributed respectively one and two dollars weekly through their leaders.

Missionary Reimert is considered by his associates to be one of the greatest character builders in China to-day.

EVANGELISTS AT YOCHOW CITY AND VICINITY

EVANGELISTS AT YOCHOW CITY, CHINA



David Schneder Hoy Memorial Hospital Yochow

THE hospital work of our China mission is proving a great blessing, and offers one of the grandest opportunites for any one to render a most important help in the service of our Master, Jesus Christ. Last year nearly 10,000 patients were treated at our hospital in the city of Yochow, China. While Doctor Adams

AT MORNING PRAYERS—HOY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, YOCHOW

and the nurse, Miss Alice E. Traub, were ministering unto these patients they told the story of Jesus to these benighted people, for many of which this was the first and probably the only opportunity to hear the story of His love. We ought to have at once two additional doctors and a nurse, so that it would be possible to keep our hospitals open all the time, and not be obliged to close them when the doctor is home on furlough. One hundred dollars a month will pay the salary of a doctor and fifty dollars a month the salary of a nurse. We pray God that in His providence He will put it into the heart of some one to provide for this blesed service.

DRUG ROOM—FRANZ DISPENSARY